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For: INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASE ACTIVITY, METHODS AND
COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATMENT OF VIRAL INFECTIONS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

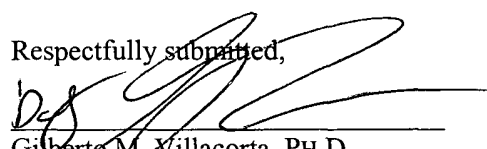
Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of December 5, 2001. A fee of \$460.00 is enclosed.

No additional fees are believed to be necessary. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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